



# Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

## *East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation, San Pablo, CA*

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. The target site, Site 2 of the Giant Road Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Project, is in the City of San Pablo (population 30,215) in Contra Costa County. Minorities, including Hispanics, Asians, and African-Americans, make up more than two-thirds of the city's residents. Over the last two decades, a large number of regional manufacturing jobs have been lost because of plant closures or relocations. This has led to



### Cleanup Grant



**\$200,000 for hazardous substances**

EPA has selected the East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used for community planning and outreach, site cleanup, and preparation of Site 2 of the Giant Road Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Project in San Pablo for redevelopment. Various past uses of the site, including a trucking and container storage site, cabinet shop, lumber company, bulk liquid transportation company, and a tetrathyl lead transfer station, have left surface soils contaminated with organic lead.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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underutilized and abandoned former industrial sites, and stressed the local economy. The poverty and unemployment rates in the city are 18.1 and 9.5 percent, respectively. Over 40 percent of the population over 16 years of age are not active in the labor force. High housing costs relative to income levels have resulted in overcrowded living conditions. Once the targeted site is remediated, the property will be developed to include 74 units of affordable homes for sale and 86 affordable

rental units. The planned housing development will complement other revitalization efforts in the area, which include plans for an on-site community space and a childcare center to provide needed services and local jobs.